

## ABSTRACT

A plurality of tree grips each having a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis in combination with a tree stand for use in securing a tree in the stand is disclosed. Each of the tree grips includes a first surface and a second surface oriented and facing oppositely to the first surface. The first surface includes a plurality of protrusions and the second surface includes a vertically offset bore. The tree stand includes a circumferentially oriented support and a plurality of threaded members oriented radially inwardly with respect to the circumferentially oriented support. The circumferentially oriented support includes respective female threads for interengaging the plurality of threaded members preventing movement of the threaded members relative to the circumferentially oriented support. Each of the threaded members engage a respective bore in each of the respective tree grips thus restraining outward radial movement of the tree grips. The plurality of protrusions substantially engage the tree to secure it within the stand in a vertical position.